

ANNOUNCEMENT

Recognition of Leader of opposition

I have received a letter from Shri R. Gundu Rao, who has been elected Leader of the Congress (I) Legislature Party stating that 52 members of the House have joined the Congress (I) Legislature Party. Letters from individual members stating that they have joined Congress (I) Legislature Party have also been enclosed. The letter is further accompanied by a list of the office bearers of the party. Six members have given names in the list of both Congress (I) and Karnataka Congress. One member has said that he would be an independent. However, the Congress (I) has 45 members which is more than that of Janata Party. I, therefore, recognise the Congress (I) Legislature Party as the main Opposition Party and its leader Mr. R. Gundu Rao as Leader of the Opposition.

Now the House stands adjourned to meet again at 1 p. m. to-morrow.

The House adjourned at Five Minutes past Seven of the Clock to meet again at One of the Clock on Wednesday the 19th September 1979.